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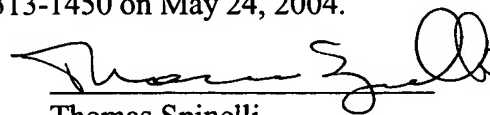
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent Application No. EP 1 132 049 A1, dated September 12, 2001;
2. United States Patent No. 5,759,154, issued to Hoyns, dated June 2, 1998;
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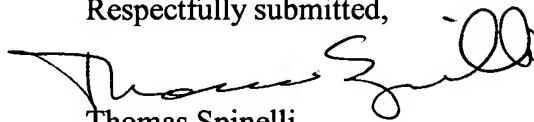

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4. United States Patent No. 4,869,259, issued to Elkins, dated September 26, 1989; and
5. United States Patent No. 5,769,795, issued to Terwilliger, dated June 23, 1998.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated March 4, 2004 received from the European Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of reference 1, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicant is not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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